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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 37 CFR. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B. Any other documents or information submitted for consideration by the examiner are listed in this paper. A copy of each foreign patent or non-patent literature listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B is submitted herewith.

Concise Statement of Relevancy
(Non-English Language Documents Only)

DE 39 00 056 A1 relates to an identification device having a plurality of optically coded labels and a reading unit for detecting the codes on the labels. Each label has a light-absorbing material, and the degree of absorption and/or the wavelength at which absorption takes place determines the code of a label. The reading unit has a light source and an optical

device and a sensor device for establishing the light absorption of a label. The labels can contain a luminescent material which, upon excitation, acts as a built-in light source.

Statement Regarding Translations

An English language translation of DE 39 00 056 A1 is not available to Applicant's attorney.

DE 101 49 265 A1 corresponds to U.S. 2005/0052519.

EP 0 854 451 A1 corresponds to U.S. 6,244,508.

Statement of Timeliness

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted after three months from (i) the filing date of the above-identified U.S. National Patent application, or (ii) after three months from entry into the U.S. National Stage of the above-identified International Application, or (iii) the date of entry into the U.S. National Stage of the International Application that has been assigned the above-identified U.S. Patent application number, whichever applies; and after the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits of the above-identified application, but prior to issuance of the earlier of any Final Action or Notice of Allowance sent in such application. The certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is submitted separately or below, or the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

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The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the Applicant's Attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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